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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

BUCKLEY H. CRISPIN, an Individual,
Plaintiff,

Case No. **CV 09-9509 MMM (JEMx)**

PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT FOR:

vs.

1. BREACH OF CONTRACT
2. DIRECT, CONTRIBUTORY, & VICARIOUS COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT
3. BREACH OF THE IMPLIED COVENANT OF GOOD FAITH AND FAIR DEALING
4. DECLARATION OF RIGHTS AS TO ARTWORK
5. CONSTRUCTIVE TRUST

CHRISTIAN AUDIGIER, INC., a
California Corporation; NERVOUS
TATTOO, INC., a California Corporation;
SHOP ON STAGE, INC., a California
Corporation; CHRISTIAN AUDIGIER,
an Individual; 3A WATCH, LLC, a
California Limited Liability Company;
RADIANCE JEWELRY, INC., a
California Corporation,
CHROMEBONES, a business entity of
unknown form, REVOLUTION
EYEWEAR, INC., a California
Corporation and DOES 1-10, inclusive,
Defendants.

Jury Trial Demanded

1 Plaintiff BUCKLEY CRISPIN (hereinafter "Plaintiff" or "Crispin"), by and
2 through his undersigned attorneys, hereby prays to this honorable Court for relief
3 based on the following:
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5 INTRODUCTION

6 Plaintiff is a well-known, highly-respected graphic artist. Between November
7 of 2005 and January of 2006 he granted Defendant Christian Audigier ("Audigier")
8 and his company, Christian Audigier, Inc. ("CAI") an oral license to use certain of
9 his works of art in a limited manner in connection with certain types of garments
10 ("License"). Specifically, Audigier and CAI were to pay a sum certain for the right
11 to reproduce each accepted work ("Artwork") on street-wear apparel and were also
12 to incorporate Plaintiff's seal/logo in connection with each use of their uses of the
13 Artwork.

14 Defendants Audigier and CAI have breached their agreement with Plaintiff by
15 failing to use his seal in conjunction with the use of his artwork on apparel. Not
16 only have they failed to include his logo on a substantial quantity of apparel bearing
17 his Artwork, but they at times given attribution to another artist for creating certain
18 works in the Artwork by incorporating the logo of that other on various products
19 bearing the Artwork.

20 Defendants Audigier and CAI have further violated Plaintiff's rights by
21 sublicensing his Artwork without obtaining Plaintiff's consent. As such the massive
22 use of Plaintiff's Artwork on jewelry, watches, shoes, pet accessories, luggage,
23 sunglasses, swimwear, denim, wine bottles, and a variety of other products was
24 unauthorized and constitutes copyright infringement.

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JURISDICTION AND VENUE

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2 1. This action arises under the Copyright Act of 1976 (the "Copyright Act"),
3 as amended, 17 U.S.C. §§ 101 *et seq.*, and California law.

4 2. This Court has federal question jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and
5 1338 (a) and (b). This Court also has supplemental jurisdiction over California
6 statutory and common law claims pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367(a) because the state
7 law claims are so related to the federal copyright claims that they form part of the
8 same case or controversy.

9 3. Venue in this judicial district is proper under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(c) and
10 1400(a) in that this is the judicial district in which a substantial part of the acts and
11 omissions giving rise to the claims occurred.

PARTIES

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14 4. Plaintiff BRYAN CRISPIN ("Crispin") is an individual residing in Los
15 Angeles County, California.

16 5. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendant
17 CHRISTIAN AUDIGIER, INC. ("CAI") is a California corporation with its mailing
18 address and registered office located at 1135 N. Mansfield Avenue, Los Angeles, CA
19 90038.

20 6. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendant
21 NERVOUS TATTOO, INC. ("NTI") is a California corporation with its mailing
22 address and registered office located at 1135 N. Mansfield Avenue, Los Angeles, CA
23 90038.

24 7. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendant SHOP
25 ON STAGE, INC. ("SOS") is a California corporation with its mailing address and
26 registered office located at 1135 N. Mansfield Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90038.

1. 8. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendant
2. CHRISTIAN AUDIGIER ("Audigier") is an individual residing in Los Angeles, CA,
3. at 600 South Muirfield Road, and is the Registered Agent for CAI.

4. 9. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendant 3A
5. WATCH, LLC ("3A") is a California corporation with its mailing address and
6. registered office located at 1801 Avenue of the Stars, Los Angeles, CA 90067.

7. 10. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendant
8. RADIANCE JEWELRY, INC. ("Radiance") is a California corporation with its
9. mailing address and registered office located at 510 W 6TH ST #817, Los Angeles,
10. CA 90014.

11. 11. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendant
12. CHROME BONES ("Chromebones") is a business entity of unknown form doing
13. business in the County of Los Angeles, State of California.

14. 12. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendant
15. REVOLUTION EYEWEAR, INC. ("Revolution") is a California corporation with
16. its principal place of business at 997 Flower Glen Street, Simi Valley, CA 93065.

17. 13. Plaintiff is unaware of the true names and capacities of the Defendants
18. sued herein as DOES 1 through 10, inclusive, and for that reason, sues such
19. Defendants under such fictitious names. Plaintiff is informed and believes and based
20. thereon alleges that such fictitiously named Defendants have contributed to the
21. infringement of Plaintiff's copyrights, or have engaged in one or more of the
22. wrongful practices herein alleged. Plaintiff will seek leave to amend this Complaint
23. to reflect the true names and capacities of such fictitiously named Defendants when
24. said Defendants have been ascertained. As alleged herein, Defendants shall mean all
25. named Defendants and all fictitiously named defendants.

26. 14. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that at all times
27. relevant hereto each of the Defendants was the agent, affiliate, officer, director,
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1 manager, principal, alter-ego, and/or employee of the remaining Defendants and was
2 at all times acting within the scope of such agency, affiliation, alter-ego relationship
3 and/or employment; and actively participated in or subsequently ratified and
4 adopted, or both, each and all of the acts or conduct alleged, with full knowledge of
5 all the facts and circumstances, including, but not limited to, full knowledge of each
6 and every violation of Plaintiff's rights and the damages to Plaintiff proximately
7 caused thereby.

8 FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

9 15. Between approximately November of 2005 and January of 2006, Plaintiff
10 licensed approximately fifteen (15) of his original works of art to Defendants
11 Audigier and CAI for use on their streetwear line for a flat licensing fee to be paid
12 per work. Plaintiff has filed to register each of these works (hereinafter "Artwork")
13 with the United States Copyright Office.

14 16. The Artwork was provided by Plaintiff to Defendants Audigier and CAI on
15 the agreement that each use of the Artwork would be accompanied by Plaintiff's
16 seal. The understanding and intention of this agreement was that Plaintiff would
17 receive reasonable attribution for the Artwork used by Defendants.

18 17. Following receipt of the Artwork, Defendants occasionally included
19 Plaintiff's seal on some items bearing that Artwork, but omitted the seal from a
20 substantial amount of others. Moreover, Plaintiff is informed and believes that a
21 substantial amount of apparel bearing the Artwork included the logo of another artist
22 who worked with Christian Audigier, thus appearing to attribute Plaintiff's Artwork
23 to another artist.

24 18. Advertising campaigns, marketing materials, and pictures of celebrities
25 wearing Plaintiff's Artwork on apparel, have been published and distributed
26 worldwide, and in the majority of these depictions, Plaintiff's seal is nowhere to be
27 found.

1 18. Defendants Audigier and CAI further violated their agreement with
2 Plaintiff by holding themselves out as the source of Plaintiff's artwork. The
3 instances are too numerous to state here; however, in a representative interview with
4 *Sense* magazine, Christian Audigier was asked about the art and design of his
5 clothing line, to which he responded, "It's me, it's mine." When asked about artists
6 that influence his clothing, he responded, "You know, there are many influences."
7 No reference to Crispin was made.

8 19. Defendants, and each of them, offer products for sale around the world,
9 selling millions of units and reaping profits in the hundreds of millions. Defendants
10 maintains retail stores in high-end shopping outlets, holds fashion shows, own
11 branded stores and Vegas nightclub, hold a vast network of sub-licensees, and
12 advertise heavily around the world. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon
13 alleges that CAI, NTI and SOS, amongst others, have exploited Crispin's artworks in
14 violation of his rights.

15 20. Defendants, and each of them, have manufactured, imported, marketed,
16 purchased and sold garments and other products bearing Crispin's works of art.
17 These garments and other products are purchased by consumers primarily for the
18 graphic designs affixed upon them. The apparel products, for instance, are standard,
19 fungible t-shirts, sweatshirts, hats and so forth. It is the graphics on these products
20 that are unique, striking and eye-catching, and clearly drive sales of said products.
21 Defendants, and each of their, creation, marketing, purchase, and sales of these
22 products is in violation of Plaintiff's rights.

23 21. Plaintiff is further informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that
24 Defendants Audigier and CAI, an/or companies they are affiliated with including
25 NTI and SOS, have sublicensed the Artwork to a vast network of their licensees,
26 including but not limited to 3A, Radiance, Chromebones, and Revolution, and that
27 said defendants and other currently unknown licensees have used the Artwork
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1 without Plaintiff's consent on a mind-boggling array of products including but not
2 limited to jewelry, watches, shoes, pet accessories, luggage, sunglasses, swimwear,
3 denim, and wine and champagne bottles.

4 22. As creator, Crispin owns all right, title, and copyright interest in and to the
5 Artwork. Plaintiff has applied to register the Artwork with the United States
6 Copyright Office.

7 23. Crispin has performed and discharged all of his obligations under the
8 License, and Audigier never objected to Crispin's performance thereunder in any
9 way.

10 24. Defendants, and each, however, failed to perform their obligation under the
11 License and grossly exceeded the scope of the License.

12 25. Defendants', and each of their, actions alleged herein substantially harm
13 Plaintiff by depriving him of his exclusive intellectual property rights and privileges
14 associated therewith, and by causing consumer confusion as to the origin and
15 approval of Defendant's unauthorized products.

16 26. Defendants, and each of their, actions alleged herein further caused
17 Plaintiff harm as Plaintiff lost all the benefits of the international publicity he
18 expected to gain through the License and was intended under the License.

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20 **FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

21 (For Breach of Contract – Against Defendants CAI and Audigier, and Each)

22 27. Plaintiff repeats, realleges, and incorporates by reference the allegations
23 contained in the preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.

24 28. In or about November of 2005 Plaintiff entered into the License with
25 Audigier. Plaintiff performed all obligations required of him under the License, and
26 delivered approximately 15 works of art to Audigier under said.
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1 35.Plaintiff has the exclusive rights to reproduce, display, distribute, and
2 prepare derivative works of his designs.

3 36.Defendants, and each of them, breached the Agreement in such a substantial
4 and material way that Plaintiff, the grantor of rights, recaptured any rights granted,
5 so that any use of the work by the grantee was without authority and thus infringing.
6 Similarly, the scope of the License was exceeded by Defendants, and each, and
7 copyrights owned by Plaintiff were infringement as a result.

8 37.Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, and
9 each of them, infringed Plaintiff's copyrights by incorporating his original works of
10 art into products without denoting on said product that the original artworks were
11 authored by Crispin. These products were advertised and went to market without a
12 clearly visible Crispin Seal, a material violation of the License.

13 38. Despite violating the Agreement, and doing so knowingly and willfully,
14 Defendants, and each of them, manufactured, imported, purchased, sold, advertised
15 and distributed product bearing those of Crispin's works of art in which they had no
16 rights. The above acts constituted massive infringement of Crispin's rights in his
17 original artworks.

18 39. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants also
19 knowingly induced, participated in, aided and abetted in and profited from the illegal
20 reproduction and/or subsequent sales of product featuring Plaintiff's works of art.

21 40. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, and
22 each of them, are vicariously liable for the infringement alleged herein because they
23 had the right and ability to supervise the infringing conduct and because they had a
24 direct financial interest in the infringing conduct.

25 41. Defendants, and each of them, exceeded the scope of the License, and
26 exploited the artwork licensed under the License in ways not contemplated by the
27 License, including without limitation sub-licensing said works. The acts described
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1 herein breached the License, and this unlawful use of the artwork licensed by the
2 License constitutes infringement.

3 42. Due to Defendant's acts of copyright infringement as alleged herein,
4 Defendant has obtained direct and indirect profits it would not otherwise have
5 realized but for its infringement of Plaintiff's designs. As such, Plaintiff is entitled
6 to disgorgement of Defendant's profits directly and indirectly attributable to
7 Defendant's infringement of the designs in an amount to be established at trial.
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9 **THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

10 (Breach of the Implied Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing - Against
11 Defendants CAI and Audigier, and Each)

12 43. Plaintiff repeats, realleges, and incorporates by reference the allegations
13 contained in the preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.

14 44. At all times herein mentioned, there existed between Plaintiff and
15 Defendants, and each of them, a special relationship by virtue of the parties' relative
16 bargaining positions and Defendant, and each of their, promise to safeguard and
17 responsibly exploit Plaintiff's works of art while always identifying Plaintiff as the
18 author thereof, promoting Plaintiff as the author of said works of art, and not
19 exploiting the works licensed under the License beyond the scope of the License.

20 45. Plaintiff and Defendants CAI and Audigier, and each, have entered into a
21 contract in connection with the above.

22 46. Plaintiff has done all, or substantially all of the significant things that said
23 contract required him to do.

24 47. All conditions required for CAI and Audigier's, and each of their,
25 performance have occurred.

26 48. CAI and Audigier, and each, unfairly interfered with Crispin's right to
27 receive the benefits of the Agreement;
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1 49.5. Plaintiff was harmed by CAI and Audigier's, and each of their, conduct
2 and has suffered both general and special damages as a result thereof.

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4 **FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

5 (Declaration of Rights as to Works of Art - Against All Defendants, and Each)

6 50. Plaintiff repeats, realleges, and incorporates by reference the allegations
7 contained in the preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.

8 51. Crispin owns all right, title, and interest in and to the Artwork and has the
9 exclusive rights to reproduce, display, distribute, and prepare derivative works of his
10 designs.

11 52. Plaintiff requests a declaratory judgment that he is the sole owner of the
12 Artwork, and that Defendants, and each of them, are without rights in same.

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14 **FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

15 (Constructive Trust -Cal Civ. Code §§ 2223, 2224 - Against All Defendants,
16 and Each)

17 53. Plaintiff repeats, realleges, and incorporates by reference the allegations
18 contained in the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

19 54. Defendants, and each of them, have in their possession, or an interest in, a
20 wide arrange of products and material bearing, in whole or in part, Plaintiff's
21 proprietary works of art. Defendants, and each of them, have also realized revenues
22 from the exploitation of Plaintiff's artwork.

23 55. By way of the conduct of Defendants, and each of them, as described
24 herein, Defendants had and have no rights to exploit Plaintiff's works of art in
25 connection with the products and materials mentioned in the preceding paragraph,
26 and no rights to any revenue derived from the exploitation of Plaintiff's artwork.

1 56. Given that said products bear Plaintiff's proprietary works of art, and
2 Defendants, and each of them, have no rights in these works of art, Plaintiff has an
3 interest in, and a right to recover, all products and materials bearing, in whole or in
4 part, any of his artwork, and any revenues derived from the exploitation of his
5 artwork.

6 57. Despite the foregoing, Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereon
7 alleges that Defendants, and each of them have acquired and retain ownership or an
8 interest in products and materials which bear Plaintiff's art, and have been unjustly
9 enriched by retaining revenues derived from the exploitation of Plaintiff's artwork.

10 58. Under Cal Civ. Code §§ 2223, Defendants, and each of them, have
11 wrongfully detained a res of which they have no right, and as such are now
12 involuntary trustees over said res for the benefit of Plaintiff.

13 59. Under Cal Civ. Code §§ 2224, Defendants, and each of them, have gained a
14 res through wrongful conduct; as such, they have become involuntary trustees over
15 said res for the benefit of Plaintiff.

16 60. Owing to the above, Plaintiff seeks an imposition of a constructive trust
17 over all products and materials bearing, in whole or in part, any of Plaintiff's
18 artwork, to the extent said products and materials were created, purchased, sold,
19 advertised, or distributed in violation of Plaintiff's rights therein, as well as all
20 registrations relating to Plaintiff's works filed by Defendants, any of them, and any
21 third parties, and all profits, monies, royalties, and any other benefits derived or
22 obtained by Defendants, or any of them, from the wrongful ownership, use,
23 purchase, sale, distribution, licensing, or exploitation of Plaintiff's works of art.

24 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

25 Wherefore, Plaintiff prays for judgment as follows:

26 **Against All Defendants:**

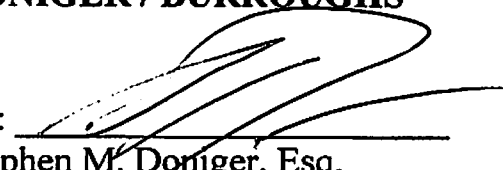
27 **With Respect to Each Claim for Relief:**

- a. That Defendants, and their affiliates, agents, and related entities, be enjoined from infringing Plaintiff's exclusive rights in his works of art any manner, and that a constructive trust be entered covering all products bearing, in whole or in part, any of Plaintiff's art, and any monies derived from the exploitation by Defendants, and each of them, of any of Plaintiff's works of art, as set forth above;
- b. That Plaintiff be awarded all profits of Defendant plus all losses of Plaintiff, the exact sum to be proven at the time of trial, or, if elected before final judgment, statutory damages as available under 17 U.S.C. § 101, *et seq.*;
- c. For an enhanced accounting of Defendant's profits and/or unjust enrichment, and increased damages pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1117;
- d. That Defendant account to Plaintiff for any revenues and profits reaped in connection with the exploitation of any of Plaintiff's works;
- e. That Plaintiff be awarded general and special damages from Defendant's breaches of contract;
- f. That Plaintiff be awarded pre-judgment interest as allowed by law;
- g. That Plaintiff be awarded the costs of this action;
- h. That Plaintiff be awarded such further legal and equitable relief as the Court deems proper.

**A TRIAL BY JURY PURSUANT TO FED. R. CIV. P. 38 AND
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT SEVEN IS HEREBY DEMANDED.**

Dated: December 17, 2009

DONIGER / BURROUGHS

By: 
Stephen M. Doniger, Esq.
Attorney for Plaintiff

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT TO UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE FOR DISCOVERY

This case has been assigned to District Judge Margaret M. Morrow and the assigned discovery Magistrate Judge is John E. McDermott.

The case number on all documents filed with the Court should read as follows:

CV09- 9509 MMM (JEMx)

Pursuant to General Order 05-07 of the United States District Court for the Central District of California, the Magistrate Judge has been designated to hear discovery related motions.

All discovery related motions should be noticed on the calendar of the Magistrate Judge

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NOTICE TO COUNSEL

A copy of this notice must be served with the summons and complaint on all defendants (if a removal action is filed, a copy of this notice must be served on all plaintiffs).

Subsequent documents must be filed at the following location:

☒ **Western Division**
312 N. Spring St., Rm. G-8
Los Angeles, CA 90012

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411 West Fourth St., Rm. 1-053
Santa Ana, CA 92701-4516

☐ **Eastern Division**
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Failure to file at the proper location will result in your documents being returned to you.

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v.

CHRISTIAN AUDIGIER, INC., a California
 Corporation; et al. (See Attached "Schedule A")

SUMMONS

DEFENDANT(S).

TO: DEFENDANT(S): _____

A lawsuit has been filed against you.

Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it), you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached ☒ complaint ☐ amended complaint ☐ counterclaim ☐ cross-claim or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff's attorney, Stephen M. Doniger, Esq., whose address is 300 Corporate Pointe, Suite 355, Culver City, CA 90230. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court.

Clerk, U.S. District Court

Dated: DEC 29 2009

By: NATALIE LONGORIA



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[Use 60 days if the defendant is the United States or a United States agency, or is an officer or employee of the United States. Allowed 60 days by Rule 12(a)(3)].

“Schedule A”

BUCKLEY H. CRISPIN, an Individual,

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Defendants.

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
CIVIL COVER SHEET**

I (a) PLAINTIFFS (Check box if you are representing yourself <input type="checkbox"/>) BUCKLEY H. CRISPIN, an Individual		DEFENDANTS CHRISTIAN AUDIGIER, INC., a California Corporation; et al.	
(b) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address and Telephone Number. If you are representing yourself, provide same.) DONIGER/BURROUGHS APC 300 Corporate Pointe, Suite 355, Culver City, CA 90230 Tel: (310) 590-1820		Attorneys (If Known)	

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an X in one box only.) <input type="checkbox"/> 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party) <input type="checkbox"/> 2 U.S. Government Defendant <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)	III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES - For Diversity Cases Only (Place an X in one box for plaintiff and one for defendant.) <table style="width:100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width:35%;"></td> <td style="width:10%; text-align: center;">PTF</td> <td style="width:10%; text-align: center;">DEF</td> <td style="width:45%;"></td> <td style="width:10%; text-align: center;">PTF</td> <td style="width:10%; text-align: center;">DEF</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Citizen of This State</td> <td align="center"><input type="checkbox"/> 1</td> <td align="center"><input type="checkbox"/> 1</td> <td>Incorporated or Principal Place of Business in this State</td> <td align="center"><input type="checkbox"/> 4</td> <td align="center"><input type="checkbox"/> 4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Citizen of Another State</td> <td align="center"><input type="checkbox"/> 2</td> <td align="center"><input type="checkbox"/> 2</td> <td>Incorporated and Principal Place of Business in Another State</td> <td align="center"><input type="checkbox"/> 5</td> <td align="center"><input type="checkbox"/> 5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country</td> <td align="center"><input type="checkbox"/> 3</td> <td align="center"><input type="checkbox"/> 3</td> <td>Foreign Nation</td> <td align="center"><input type="checkbox"/> 6</td> <td align="center"><input type="checkbox"/> 6</td> </tr> </table>		PTF	DEF		PTF	DEF	Citizen of This State	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	Incorporated or Principal Place of Business in this State	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	Citizen of Another State	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	Incorporated and Principal Place of Business in Another State	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	Foreign Nation	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
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IV. ORIGIN (Place an X in one box only.)

☒ 1 Original Proceeding
 ☐ 2 Removed from State Court
 ☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court
 ☐ 4 Reinstated or Reopened
 ☐ 5 Transferred from another district (specify):
 ☐ 6 Multi-District Litigation
 ☐ 7 Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judge

V. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT: JURY DEMAND: ☒ Yes ☐ No (Check 'Yes' only if demanded in complaint.)

CLASS ACTION under F.R.C.P. 23: ☐ Yes ☒ No
 MONEY DEMANDED IN COMPLAINT: \$ _____

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION (Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing and write a brief statement of cause. Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.)

VII. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an X in one box only.)

OTHER STATUTES <input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Reapportionment <input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust <input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks and Banking <input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce/ICC Rates/etc. <input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation <input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations <input type="checkbox"/> 480 Consumer Credit <input type="checkbox"/> 490 Cable/Sat TV <input type="checkbox"/> 810 Selective Service <input type="checkbox"/> 850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange <input type="checkbox"/> 875 Customer Challenge 12 USC 3410 <input type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions <input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agricultural Act <input type="checkbox"/> 892 Economic Stabilization Act <input type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters <input type="checkbox"/> 894 Energy Allocation Act <input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Info. 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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
CIVIL COVER SHEET**

VIII(a). IDENTICAL CASES: Has this action been previously filed in this court and dismissed, remanded or closed? ☒ No ☐ Yes

If yes, list case number(s): _____

VIII(b). RELATED CASES: Have any cases been previously filed in this court that are related to the present case? ☒ No ☐ Yes

If yes, list case number(s): _____

Civil cases are deemed related if a previously filed case and the present case:

- (Check all boxes that apply) ☐ A. Arise from the same or closely related transactions, happenings, or events; or
☐ B. Call for determination of the same or substantially related or similar questions of law and fact; or
☐ C. For other reasons would entail substantial duplication of labor if heard by different judges; or
☐ D. Involve the same patent, trademark or copyright, and one of the factors identified above in a, b or c also is present.

IX. VENUE: (When completing the following information, use an additional sheet if necessary.)

(a) List the County in this District; California County outside of this District; State if other than California; or Foreign Country, in which **EACH** named plaintiff resides.

☐ Check here if the government, its agencies or employees is a named plaintiff. If this box is checked, go to item (b).

County in this District:*	California County outside of this District; State, if other than California; or Foreign Country
Los Angeles County	

(b) List the County in this District; California County outside of this District; State if other than California; or Foreign Country, in which **EACH** named defendant resides.

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(c) List the County in this District; California County outside of this District; State if other than California; or Foreign Country, in which **EACH** claim arose.

Note: In land condemnation cases, use the location of the tract of land involved.

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X. SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY (OR PRO PER): _____ **Date** December 28, 2009

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Key to Statistical codes relating to Social Security Cases:

Nature of Suit Code	Abbreviation	Substantive Statement of Cause of Action
861	HIA	All claims for health insurance benefits (Medicare) under Title 18, Part A, of the Social Security Act, as amended. Also, include claims by hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, etc., for certification as providers of services under the program. (42 U.S.C. 1935FF(b))
862	BL	All claims for "Black Lung" benefits under Title 4, Part B, of the Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969. (30 U.S.C. 923)
863	DIWC	All claims filed by insured workers for disability insurance benefits under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended; plus all claims filed for child's insurance benefits based on disability. (42 U.S.C. 405(g))
863	DIWW	All claims filed for widows or widowers insurance benefits based on disability under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended. (42 U.S.C. 405(g))
864	SSID	All claims for supplemental security income payments based upon disability filed under Title 16 of the Social Security Act, as amended.
865	RSI	All claims for retirement (old age) and survivors benefits under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended. (42 U.S.C. (g))